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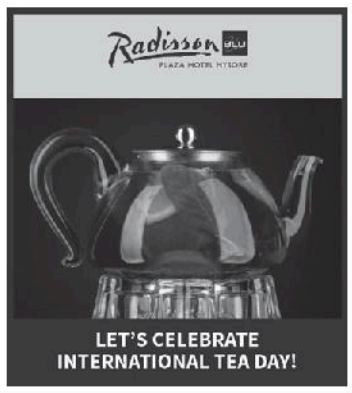

Palace elephants shifted to Gujarat

Forest Department unaware; to track pachyderms in transit

Mysuru, Dec. 15 (MTY&BCT)- Four out of six female elephants from the Mysore Palace in the age group of 27-44 years were shifted to the Elephant Care Centre at Jamnagar in Gujarat (Greens Zoological Rescue and Rehabilitation Kingdom) last night.

They are in transit now. The elephants were loaded onto four trucks and were transported to the Care Centre where they will be henceforth taken care of.

The elephants were housed inside the Palace and were being maintained by the erstwhile Mysore royal family. The elephants were rescued from Gemini Circus decades ago. Sources said that while Seetha (36), Ruby (44), Gemini (31) and Rajeshwari (27) were shifted, Chanchala and Preethi will remain with the Palace.

Prior to the shifting, Forest Department veterinarian Dr. Ramesh certified that the elephants were fit and could be transported to Gujarat. Dr. Wasim Mirza from Bandipur Tiger Reserve had conducted a TB test to ascertain if there are any breathing problems or heart-related ailments. All the tests proved that the elephants were fit and could be shifted.

However, the Mysuru Forest Department is 'officially' unaware of the shifting. Sources told *Star of Mysore* that the Department has not been informed about the shifting.

As per the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, the elephant is a protected species under Schedule I and cannot be transported unless the authorised officer does not certify the lawful process. The Act also mentions the mandatory issuance of Transit Permit (TP) by the Forest Department when an elephant is being transported from one State to another.

Additionally, TP has to be issued by each State from which the elephant will pass through including the State in which the elephant will be finally going to.

(See ELEPHANTS on page 6)

Chopper crash: Lone survivor dies

Group Captain Varun Singh

Bengaluru, Dec. 15 (Agencies)- Decorated air warrior Group Captain Varun Singh died at the Command Hospital in Bengaluru today, a week after he was seriously injured in the chopper crash near Coonoor that killed CDS Gen. Bipin Rawat, his wife and 11 Armed Forces personnel.

The Indian Air Force said the 'braveheart' Group Captain succumbed to his injuries this morning.

"IAF is deeply saddened to inform the passing away of braveheart Group Captain Varun Singh, who succumbed this morning to the injuries sustained in the helicopter accident on Dec. 8. IAF offers sincere condolences and stands firmly with the bereaved family," it said on Twitter.

(See CHOPPER on page 7)

Mysuru-Chamarajanagar MLC elections

Congress and JD(S) win one seat each

BJP candidate loses battle in elimination round

Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham, who is also the Electoral Officer, handing over election certificate to Dr. D. Thimmaiah** (left) **of the Congress and C.N. Manjegowda of the JD(S) after announcing the results officially late last night. Additional DC Dr. B.S. Manjunathaswamy and JD(S) MLA S.R. Mahesh are also seen.

Mysuru, Dec. 15 (RK&DM)- Dr. D. Thimmaiah of Congress and C.N. Manjegowda of JD(S) emerged victorious in the election to the dual member Mysuru-Chamarajanagar seat from Local Authorities Constituency, the counting of which was taken up yesterday. Though Raghu R. Kautilya of BJP, who was hopeful of a victory, looked certain to win the second seat until evening as he continued to maintain second position, things took a complete turn around for Raghu during the counting process in the elimination round, when Manjegowda overtook him and emerged victorious.

While Congress candidate Dr. Thimmaiah was declared winner after he got 2,865 first preferential votes, the victory of JD(S) candidate Manjegowda was announced late last night after a tight race with BJP candidate Raghu Kautilya.

(See WIN on page 9)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 15th December 2021

Natl. Education Policy aids students in becoming employers

Mysuru, Dec. 15- Prof. J.B. Nadda, Director, Consortium for Educational Communication, New Delhi, delivered a special lecture on 'Organisational Behaviour' at the Post Graduate Wing of SBRR Mahajana First Grade College, KRS Road, Metagalli, recently.

Speaking about the various concepts of Organisational Behaviour, he gave a new interpretation for the concepts such as Managerial Functions, Intervention of Technology, Human Values and Ethics.

Elaborating on the new vistas which are opened up in the National Education Policy-2020 (NEP-2020), he pointed out how students will benefit from the new education policy not only to get employment but also to become employers.

Chief guest Prof. Nadda, who inaugurated the lecture session along with the dignitaries by lighting the traditional lamp, was felicitated with a Mysore Peta, shawl and a memento.

Premjyothi and team rendered the Naadageethe. Dr. C.K. Renukarya, Director of Mahajana PG Centre, welcomed and briefed about Mahajana Education Society (MES) in general and PG Centre in particular.

T. Muralidar Bhagwath, President, MES, presided. Dr. T Vijayalakshmi Muralidhar, Hon. Secretary, MES, was present on the dais. Dr. Sathish G. Chetty, HoD Tourism, proposed a vote of thanks. The programme concluded with National Anthem.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Notwithstanding the Government's backtracking, the three farm laws did represent much needed reforms for the agri sector. It's clear that Indian agriculture in its present form is unsustainable with adverse implications for the environment and economy. The farm laws tried to address some of these vexed issues by encouraging diversification and opening up produce trade. Though well-intentioned, the laws failed to convince farmers with stakes in the current system. Admittedly, the culprit was Government's failure to hold wide-ranging consultations with the farmers before passing the laws. The latter were then rammed through Parliament last year, portraying the Government as arrogant.

But there's no denying that farm reforms are desperately needed. Government can and should reintroduce them in future in another form. However, before doing so, it must hold wide-ranging discussions with farmers, civil society and the political opposition, and take them into confidence. Reforms in India can neither be done through stealth nor be rammed through. It is only by evolving consensus that results can be produced. Government will do well to heed this. — In The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man takes 10 COVID vaccine jabs in a day

Auckland: A New Zealand man allegedly took 10 COVID-19 vaccine doses in a single day, after being paid by other people to get the shot on their behalf.

New Zealand is on its way to reaching a 90% two-dose vaccination rate before Christmas, but it's still dealing with a number of citizens who aren't even considering getting the job. The unnamed person reportedly visited several vaccination centers in Auckland and received the Covid-19 vaccine several times on behalf of other people who paid for the "service". He was able to accomplish this because, in order to get the shot, someone only needs to provide the health care worker with their name, date of birth and physical address. No photo identification is required.

Vaccinologists say that the person isn't likely to suffer any serious harm.

Tornado tosses family photo 130 miles away

Kentucky: As a devastating and deadly long-track tornado tore through Kentucky last Friday, the record-breaking storm picked up debris large and small and tossed it into the atmosphere like toys.

The debris included a treasured family photo, which was sucked up into the storm tossed nearly 130 miles away from the now-destroyed city of Dawson Springs, Ky. and onto the car of Katie Posten. The photo, a black-and-white picture of a woman in a striped dress sitting with a little boy in her lap, came with two clues: a note scrawled on the back with two names and a date saying 1942.

Posten plans to deliver the photograph personally and encourages others in the area to scour their yards for family heirlooms that could have been lifted by the monster tornado's ferocious winds.

HEALTH CAPSULE

How to diagnose enlarged prostate?

If men above 50 years are having urination problems, they are advised to consult a urologist to undergo examination and Serum PSA test to rule out prostate cancer.

By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T. P. - Consultant Urology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

SVYM webinar series to feature achiever Adithi Varma

Adithi Varma

Mysuru, Dec.15- As part of its Webinar Series on "Amazing Abilities of Unstoppable Achievers," Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM), Mysuru, will feature achiever Adithi Varma in its 12th webinar on Dec.16 between 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm.

Aditi has not allowed Down's Syndrome to affect her. She runs Aditi's Corner snack junction in addition to living life with a purpose and joy. She has also presented a paper at the First Indian International Down Syndrome Conference-2017 at Delhi about "Journey Towards Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual and Development Disabilities in India."

SVYM started working for the specially-abled persons from 1996 and is currently running a Comprehensive Care, Support, and Treatment for Persons with Disabilities' (CCST-PWDs), an Institution and Community-based rehabilitation programme focusing on all 21 types of disabilities in Mysuru and Kodagu districts in collaboration with community, various Government Departments and like-minded NGOs/ Corporates. Around 22 lakh population are sensitised so far and nearly 40,000 PWDs are directly benefited.

Of the several issues that People with Disability face include accessibility, choice of leading a barrier-free life and inclusion. This webinar is an attempt to bring some of these "celebrities" onto a platform where they can share their journey. For details contact Mob: 95900-91177.

REALLY...?

- *In 2019, scientists discovered the world's oldest known work of art on an Indonesian Island called Sulawesi. It was created 44,000 years ago.*
- *"Salvator Mundi" by Leonardo da Vinci is the most expensive painting in the world, valued at $450.3M.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Man: *I haven't spoken to my wife in 18 months.*
Friend: *Why not?*
Man: *I don't like to interrupt her !!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

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1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.71
1 Euro	= Rs. 85.69

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	DECEMBER 13	DECEMBER 14
Day's Positive Cases	13	16
Total Positive Cases	1,80,059	1,80,075
Day's Discharges	17	17
Total Discharges	1,77,412	1,77,429
Day's Deaths	0	0
Total Deaths	2,433	2,433
Total Active Cases	214	213

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

VOICE OF THE READER

Kukkarahalli Lake or common water hyacinth lake?!

Sir,

The recent spell of intermittent rains has no doubt increased the water level in Kukkarahalli Lake, but simultaneously contributed to the unbridled growth of common water hyacinth in the lake which has engulfed a large portion of the water surface *(see pic)*. Ironically, this lake used to be a source of water supply to Mysore city, a century ago.

It may be of interest to note that when B.S. Yediyurappa was the CM of Karnataka, in his earlier regime, he had announced a total sum of Rs. 3 crore, in two successive budgets, to enhance the beauty and preserve this lake. Unfortunately, the activities undertaken seem to leave a lot of questions unanswered.

Nearly two decades ago, boating was conducted in the south bank of the lake and this was a part of the itinerary of KSTDC tours. It is no surprise that this was brought to an abrupt stop, and is yet to be resumed by the authorities concerned for reasons best known to them.

The lake used to attract a large number of migratory birds particularly during winter to roost and bird-watching expeditions used to be organised by Mysore Amateur Naturalists (MAN) Association. Unfortunately, due to sheer neglect and encroachments, the number of birds visiting the lake has substantially decreased, disheartening the bird-lovers.

This lake has been attracting people of all ages, including young morning joggers and senior citizens in the evening who come to enjoy the pristine beauty and placid waters of this wonderful lake. It is surprising to note that if Infosys could develop Hebbal Lake, which is very well maintained, wonder why can't Mysore University take serious steps to ensure that Kukkarahalli Lake does not join the long list of dying lakes, knowing that academicians and stalwarts have visited this lake and made it memorable.

In the interest of Kukkarahalli Lake lovers, I implore the authorities concerned to take necessary steps for beautification and preserving of the lake for future generations

—S. Sriram

Saraswathipuram
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Give Backward Class status to Kodavas: High Court to State Govt.

Bengaluru, Dec. 15 (Agencies)- The Karnataka High Court (HC) has directed the State Government to accept the recommendation given by the Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes in 2010, which recommended certain benefits of reservation be extended to Kodava community.

It directed the Government to accept the recommendations made by the Commission to use words "Kodava," "Kodavaru" instead of "Kodagaru" in the list of Backward Classes and issue a notification in this regard within three months.

The Court passed the order while allowing a petition filed by Codava National Council (CNC), Madikeri. The Court refused to give one more chance to the Government to re-examine the issue while pointing out that the Government had "mechanically reiterated" its earlier decision of 2015 to reject the recommendations despite an opportunity given by the Court in August this year for reconsidering the 2015 decision.

Though the Government had claimed that it had rejected recommendations as the "competent authority" did not approve the changes, the Court observed that the Government had failed to point out which that competent authority was.

The purpose of the recommendation was to enable the members of the community to avail benefits of reservation under category 3-A.

Commission advice binding

"The advice of the Commission being as clear as Gangetic waters, this recommendation was made after thoroughly examining the representation of the petitioner and the inputs received from all the relevant quarters. The Government could not have declined to accept the advice of the Commission on the sole ground that someone called 'Competent Authority' has not approved the same," the Court said.

The petitioner's counsel cited Section 9(2) of the Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes Act, 1995, saying the advice of the Commission shall ordinarily be binding on the Government. The Government advocate said that since the provision uses the word "ordinarily", it is open to the Government to accept the advice or not.

"In justifiable cases, that the Government may not accept the advice is also true. However, for not accepting, it has to offer cogent and compelling reasons. Otherwise, as a norm, advice has to be accepted," Justice Krishna Dixit said.

Not East India Company

The Court also noted that there was a direction issued earlier by the HC in this regard. "The Government cannot treat advice of a Commission of this stature as being susceptible to the views of another unknown authority. Ours is a 'Welfare State' and not the East India Company. What bewilders this Court is the reiteration of the same stand with the duplication of the text of the order, despite a direction issued by a Co-ordinate Bench," it said.

The Government has been directed to file a compliance report to the Registrar General within three months, failing which it has warned of heavy costs.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Thiruppavai discourse from tomorrow

Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, K.R. Vanam and Sri Rama Mandira, have jointly organised month-long 'Thiruppavai Kalakshepa' (Thiruppavai discourse) by Dr. N.K. Ramasheshan at Sri Rama Mandira in Krishnamurthypuram, from Dec. 16 to Jan. 16 between 6.15 pm and 7.30 pm.

Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple has also organised Thiruppavai discourse by Vidu. Dr. K.L. Prasannakshi, retd. Sanskrit Professor, Maharani's Arts College, Mysuru, at its premises from Dec. 16 to Jan. 15 at 6.30 pm every day. Puja, Shattumurai, Mahamangalarati will be performed daily between 5 pm and 6.30 pm. [Mob: 99451-01480]

Chess Tournament: Entries invited

Karnataka Raajya Vokkaligara Vikasa Vedike and Basava Samithi, in association with Learner's Chess Club, Gokulam, will be hosting Late B.C. Jayamma Memorial Under-16 Open Chess Tournament at Basava Bhavana on 11th Cross, 1st Stage, Vijayanagar (beside Kodava Samaja, Mysuru) on Dec. 19. There will be five trophies for both boys and girls in each category (Under-8, Under-11 and Under-16). Those interested to take part in the Tournament, may send their entries by Dec. 18. For further details on the Tournament rules and regulations, contact organiser Manu Keerthi on Mob: 84960-03565, according to a press release from the organisers.

'Shaktiman' multipurpose hydraulic vehicle of MCC lying idle

Why waste tax-payers' money on purchasing equipment when it cannot be maintained, ask the public

Shaktiman multipurpose hydraulic vehicle lying idle at the MCC premises. Picture right shows the then District Minister G.T. Devegowda launching the 'Shaktiman' on Feb. 4, 2019 by pruning dry branches of a tree.

Mysuru, Dec. 15 (MK&KS)- 'Shaktiman,' the multipurpose hydraulic vehicle of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), which was being used to cut dry trees and branches and also to prune dry branches of trees, is now lying idle and gathering dust in the MCC due to non-maintenance.

The MCC had purchased 'Shaktiman,' by paying lakhs of rupees and the machine was launched by the then District Minister G.T. Devegowda at a function organised by MCC at its premises on Feb. 4, 2019. The Minister had climbed the 'Shaktiman' multipurpose hydraulic vehicle and pruned dry branches, thus launching the machine in city. This was the lone machine, which was working like a 'One Man Army' in all 65 MCC Wards of city to prune trees. But following non maintenance, 'Shaktiman' developed leakage of Hydraulic and Engine oil making it non-functional and is now gathering dust at a corner in MCC premises.

Shaktiman is repaired, will be in use in a day or two: MCC

MCC Vehicles Division officials, speaking to *SOM*, has clarified that 'Shaktiman' has been repaired and will be in use in a day or two.

The officials said that the multipurpose hydraulic vehicle will be sent to various MCC Wards in a day or two to prune tree branches, that are weak, dry, which may fall on power lines and pose danger to the public.

This machine has the capacity to reach tree branches which are at a height of 30 ft. and enables a person standing on it to prune tree branches. As this was the only machine for all 65 MCC Wards, Shaktiman was being used continuously to prune branches for 15 to 20 days in one single Ward. Following heavy usage of the machine, the pipes supplying hydraulic oil to the machine's hydraulic jacks developed leakages and even oil from the engine began to leak.

Like every machine, 'Shaktiman' too needs to be serviced regularly for smooth operation and to prevent breakdowns, which may not have been done. The cost of the service may have been affordable then but now, the repair cost could be high.

Meanwhile, a MCC Horticulture Division official told *SOM* that 'Shaktiman' was to be serviced once in six months which was not done and hence, the machine is not being used now. Now, permission has to be sought from the MCC Commissioner to get the machine repaired, he added.

Apart from 'Shaktiman,' there are two old ladder vehicles in the MCC which is not sufficient to be used in all 65 MCC Wards, the officials said and added that there is a need for more ladder vehicles to prune trees.

The Horticulture Division officer said that at least one ladder vehicle is needed for each MCC Zone and added that the present ladder vehicles in use are more than 20-25 years old. As a result, the staff are afraid to use these vehicles. Pruning dead, weak and dry tree branches not only saves trees but also prevents incidents of such tree branches falling on people and vehicles, the officer said.

Meanwhile, the public were heard saying that why should the MCC waste taxpayers' money on purchasing equipment, when it cannot maintain them regularly. Even the sweeping machine that was purchased paying lakhs of rupees is defunct now because of non-maintenance, they added.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	124.80 feet
Yesterday	:	124.80 feet
Inflow	:	5,043 cusecs
Outflow	:	4,832 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,283.58 feet
Inflow	:	1,006 cusecs
Outflow	:	1,000 cusecs

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Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,854.12 feet
Inflow	:	38 cusecs
Outflow	:	600 cusecs

CCB Police bust sandalwood smuggling racket

Two arrested, Rs. 1 crore-worth 700 kg sandalwood recovered

Mysuru, Dec. 15 (KS)- City Crime Branch (CCB) Police have busted a huge sandalwood smuggling racket in city by arresting two smugglers and have recovered 700 kg sandalwood worth Rs. 1 crore besides seizing Rs. 15,000 cash, one goods vehicle and two mobile phones from them.

The CCB Police, who had collected information that sandalwood had been purchased from a smuggler and was getting readied to be smuggled to Bengaluru in a goods vehicle MH-11-AL-3850 from Pulikeshi Road-MKDK Road junction in Mandi Mohalla, raided the spot at about 11 pm on Dec. 13 and arrested two persons involved in smuggling.

On inspecting the goods vehicle, the CCB Police found sandalwood billets weighing 700-kg hidden in a secret cabin behind the driver's seat and recovered it besides seizing the vehicle, cash and mobile phones from them.

A case has been registered at Mandi Police Station and the CCB Police, who are continuing with the investigation, are on a lookout for others who had stored such a large quantity of sandalwood and also for purchasers.

DCP (Crime and Traffic) M.S. Geetha Prasanna and CCB ACP C.K. Ashwathnarayan guided CCB Inspector A. Mallesh, ASI R. Raju and staff Joseph Noronha, Radhesh, Umamahesh, Purushotham, Anil, Raghu, Sunil, Arun Kumar, Srinivas and Mamata in the nabbing and seizing operation.

Man held for allegedly drowning pregnant wife in river

Nanjangud, Dec. 15 (MC&KS)- Nanjangud Police have taken a man into custody for allegedly drowning his pregnant wife at the bathing ghat of Kapila River in the town on Tuesday night.

While the deceased has been identified as Devika (35), the accused husband is Rajesh of Muddahalli in the taluk.

Devika, daughter of Puttasiddaiah of Kasuvinahalli, was given in marriage to Rajesh five years ago and the couple have two children.

On Tuesday night, Rajesh, who took Devika to the bathing ghat, allegedly pushed her into the river and drowned her. The reason for Rajesh to kill his wife is yet to be known.

Based on the complaint from Puttasiddaiah, Nanjangud Police, who registered a case, have taken Rajesh into custody, said Circle Inspector Lakshmikanth Talawar.

Two go missing from city

Mysuru, Dec. 15 (KS)- In separate incidents, two persons have gone missing from Mysuru South Police limits in city.

In the first case, 22-year-old Harshavardhan, who left his house on Dec. 6, has since gone missing. He is normal built, oily red complexioned and was wearing a white shirt and grey pant at the time of going missing.

In the second case, 35-year-old Santosh of Rammanahalli, who left his house on Dec. 7 at about 9.30 pm after receiving a phone call, has since gone missing.

He is 5.4 ft. tall, normal built, oily red complexioned, speaks Kannada and was wearing a white baniyan and maroon shorts at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about the above two missing persons, may contact Mysuru South Police Station on Ph: 0821-2444955 or the District Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2444800, according to a press release.

Teacher counselling from tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec.15- The Department of Public Instruction has announced the schedule of the counselling for the transfer of High School teachers and other equivalent cadre staff.

The counselling will be held on the lines of Zoom Meet, at the DDPI's Office on D. Subbaiah Road in the city.

According to the schedule, tomorrow (Dec. 16), the counselling for teachers from Serial No. 1 to 100 will take place from 9 am and for teachers from Serial No. 101 to 200, from 2 pm.

On Dec.17, the counselling for teachers from Serial No. 201 to 281 will take place from 9 am and for teachers who have served for a minimum of 3 to 5 years at specific place (Serial No. 1 to 29), counselling will be from 2 pm, according to a press release.

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Obituary

M.H. Radha

Bharatinagar, Dec. 15- M.H. Radha (76), wife of late Dr. K.L. Lingaiah and a resident of Kurikempanadoddi village near here, passed away at the village.

Sister of sandalwood actor late Ambarish, she leaves behind one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Kurikempanadoddi Burial Grounds this morning, according to sources.

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5	30/1	12	29	Sy. Nos. 10/5, 10/1A, 10/6, 30/2 & 30/3	Sy. No. 31	Sy. No. 29/1	Sy. Nos. 10/6 & 9/2
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Polls to 25 Legislative Council seats

MLA S.R. Mahesh thanks voters for electing JD(S) candidate

K.R. Nagar JD(S) MLA S.R. Mahesh addressing a press meet at his office near Ramavilas Road in city this morning as (from left) former Mayor R. Lingappa, JD(S) MLC-elect C.N. Manjegowda, leaders Beerihundi Basavanna, K.T. Cheluvegowda and others look on.

Mysuru, Dec. 15 (RKB&DM)- Thanking the voters for electing JD(S) candidate C.N. Manjegowda from the dual member Mysuru-Chamarajanagar Legislative Council seat from Local Authorities Constituency, K.R. Nagar JD(S) MLA S.R. Mahesh said that the party would have won by a bigger margin had there been elected bodies of Zilla Panchayats (ZPs), Taluk Panchayats (TPs) and other Local Bodies in the two districts.

Addressing a press meet at his office near Ramavilas Road here this morning, Mahesh lauded the efforts of party workers and leaders in the victory of Manjegowda and said that the party has been hugely enthused by the victory.

Referring to the recent remarks of MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) and MLC Sandesh Nagaraj against the party, Mahesh said that he has respect for GTD even now and asked him to change his mind on leaving the party.

Pointing out that the party treated GTD as a leader until yesterday, Mahesh said that the party would now recognise him as an MLA. Reminding GTD that he (GTD) had won from Chamundeshwari Assembly segment on the party ticket, symbol, strength and toil of JD(S) workers, Mahesh said he wanted to see GTD lead the party from the front in Mysuru in the next Assembly polls.

Replying to a question on why no action has been taken against GTD for his critical remarks against the party, Mahesh only said that the party top brass is watching all the developments and it is up to the party leaders to take action against him.

Accusing the Congress and BJP of trying to finish off the JD(S), the MLA said that the victory in Mysuru-Chamarajanagar will spur the party to fight the Assembly elections to fight with more vigour and confidence.

MLC-elect C.N. Manjegowda, who was fresh from his victory, also addressed the press meet and thanked voters for their work in the run up to the MLC polls.

Maintaining that he had not dreamt of becoming an MLC until just a few days ago, when top JD(S) leaders like H.D. Deve Gowda and H.D. Kumaraswamy admitted him to the party and gave him the ticket for the MLC polls on the day he joined the party, Manjegowda said that he would strive to meet the aspirations of the people.

He sought the support of everyone in all his endeavours, while serving as an MLC.

Corporators Prema Shankaregowda, SBM Manju, former Mayors M.J. Ravikumar and R. Lingappa, leaders Beerihundi Basavanna, K.T. Cheluvegowda and others were present.

BJP, Cong. win 11 each, JD(S) 2, Independent 1

Bengaluru, Dec. 15- The ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the opposition Congress shared equal honours by winning 11 seats each in the polls to the 25 Legislative Council seats in the biennial elections held from 20 Local Authorities Constituencies in the State, that took place on Dec. 10.

The counting of votes of all the 25 seats was taken up yesterday and according to the results, the BJP and the Congress won 11 seats each, while the JD(S) bagged two seats and Independent candidate won in one seat. After the results, the BJP has fallen short of one member for a majority in the 75-member Upper House.

A major upset for the BJP was the defeat of the party candidate Mahantesh Kavatagimath in the dual-member Belagavi seat, where Channaraj Hattiholi of the Congress and Independent candidate Lakhan Jarkiholi won.

Though the BJP initially looked like winning 12 seats after the counting began at 8 am yesterday, the last minute reversal in the dual-member Mysuru-Chamarajanagar seat, which saw JD(S) candidate C.N. Manjegowda inching ahead of his BJP rival Raghu R. Kautilya in the elimination round to win the second seat, resulted in the party falling one short of a majority in the 75-member Legislative Council.

With yesterday's results, BJP has 37 members, Congress-26, JD(S)-10, Independent-1 and Chairman-1, in the 75-member House. Prior to the elections, the House strength was — BJP-32, Congress - 29, JD(S) - 12, Independent - 1 and Chairman - 1.

WINNINGCANDIDATES

BJP

Gopinath Reddy	-	Bengaluru Urban
Suja Kushalappa	-	Kodagu
D.S. Arun	-	Shivamogga
K.S. Naveen	-	Chitradurga
Y.M. Satish	-	Ballari
Ganapathi Ulwekar	-	Uttara Kannada
M.K. Pranesh	-	Chikkamagalur
Kota Srinivas Poojary	-	Dakshina Kannada-Udupi
B.G. Patil	-	Kalaburagi-Yadgir
Pradeep Shettar	-	Dharwad-Gadag-Haveri
P.H. Poojar	-	Vijayapura- Bagalkot

CONGRESS

Bhimarao B. Patil	-	Bidar
R. Rajendra	-	Tumakuru
M.L. Anil Kumar	-	Kolar
Sunil Gouda Patil	-	Vijayapura-Bagalkot
Saleem Ahmed	-	Dharwad-Gadag-Haveri
Sharanagouda Patil Bayyapur	-	Raichur-Koppal
Dinesh Gooligowda	-	Mandya
Dr. D. Thimmaiah	-	Mysuru-Chamarajanagar
Manjunath Bhandari	-	Dakshina Kannada-Udupi
Channaraj Hattiholi	-	Belagavi
S. Ravi	-	Bengaluru Rural

JD(S)

Dr. Sooraj Revanna	-	Hassan
C.N. Manjegowda	-	Mysuru-Chamarajanagar

INDEPENDENT

Lakhan Jarkiholi	-	Belagavi

Palace elephants shifted to Gujarat

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Forest staff to visit Palace

"We have not been informed about the shifting and we will send our staff to the Mysore Palace to check if the elephants are there or have been moved out. We will also check if permission to shift has been obtained from the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Wildlife (PCCF)," an officer told *Star of Mysore* on condition of anonymity.

However, senior forest officers in Bengaluru admit that the Forest Department has to only issue a permit for transportation of the elephant. These are privately-owned animals and the Department has only to certify that the elephants are fit to travel.

"This is a private animal and the owners can shift them. But as the animal is listed under the Schedule 1, permission has to be sought from the jurisdictional Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) or the District Forest Officer (DFO) of the recipient State. We are not sure if permission has been sought from Gujarat. We will track the elephants and issue notices to the parties if any wildlife rules are violated," the officer said.

Rescued from Gemini Circus

The elephants were rescued from Gemini Circus decades ago following a Court order. Animal rights activists had petitioned the Court where they claimed that the elephants were being tortured in the name of entertainment. The Court had ordered the Forest Department to take over the elephants.

Following the Court order, the then scion of Mysore royal family Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar had volunteered to take care of the elephants and accordingly, they were sent to the Palace. The elephants were one of the main tourist attractions inside the Palace and they were being used for "elephant safari" where tourists had an opportunity to ride on them.

National Pharmacy Week in city

Role of Pharmacists during COVID-19 pandemic lauded

*Seen are (from left) **Dr. Juny Sebastian, Shilpa Palaksha, Dr. T.M. Pramod Kumar, Dr. Hanumanthachar Joshi, Dr. P.A. Kushalappa, Dr. Surinder Singh, Dr. M. Manjunata, Dr. B.M. Gurupadayya and Dr. R.S. Chandan during the National Pharmacy Week Celebrations at Sri Rajendra Auditorium, JSS College of Pharmacy, Mysuru.***

Mysuru, Dec. 15- An initiative of Indian Pharmaceutical Association (IPA), National Pharmacy Week (NPW) is a channel to create awareness among the general public about the profession of Pharmacist and the role he plays to make a healthier India. The theme for this year is "Pharmacist: An Integral Part of Healthcare."

The major focus of NPW celebrations is to create awareness among the public, other healthcare providers and the authorities, about the NPW theme.

Acknowledging the invaluable contributions that the Pharmacists make to the healthcare system, IPA, Mysuru branch, is celebrating the 60th National Pharmacy Week from Dec.13 to 18 jointly with JSS College of Pharmacy, Mysuru.

Dr. Surinder Singh, Vice-Chancellor, JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSS AHER), Mysuru, who inaugurated the function at Sri Rajendra Auditorium, mentioned the role of Pharmacists in building the health of the society.

Stating that today there are many ways by which Pharmacists can help patients based on their requirements, he emphasised on the role of Pharmacists during the COVID-19 pandemic situation and appreciated the work rendered by the fellow Pharmacists. Dr. T.M. Pramod Kumar, Principal, JSS College of Pharmacy, welcomed. Dr. Hanumathachar Joshi, Principal, Sarada Vilas College of Pharmacy and Dr. M. Manjunata, Professor, Cauvery College of Pharmacy, Mysuru, were present. Dr. R.S. Chandan, Secretary, IPA, Mysuru branch, proposed a vote of thanks.

Inter-college contest

As part of Pharmacy Week, Indian Pharmaceutical Association, Mysuru branch, had also organised "INITIUM-2021," an inter-collegiate competition on Dec.14.

Students from Cauvery College of Pharmacy, Sarada Vilas College of Pharmacy and JSS College of Pharmacy, Mysuru, participated in the competition.

INITIUM-2021 started with collage-making followed by photography, solo dance, spotlight, group song and group dance.

Chopper crash: Lone survivor dies

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Last Thursday, Group Captain Singh was shifted to the Command Hospital in Bengaluru from Wellington in Tamil Nadu.

The Group Captain was admitted to a hospital in Wellington with severe burn injuries on Wednesday following the crash.

Chief of Defence Staff Gen. Bipin Rawat, his wife Madhulika and 11 armed forces personnel were killed in the Mi-17V5 helicopter crash near Coonoor.

Group Captain Singh, a decorated officer, was on board the Russian-made chopper as Liaison Officer for the visit of Gen. Rawat, India's senior-most military officer, to the Defence Services Staff College in Wellington.

He was conferred the *Shaurya Chakra* in August for averting a possible mid-air accident after his Tejas light combat aircraft developed a major technical snag last year.

Cadaver skin sent from Victoria Hospital

Group Captain Varun Singh had received cadaver skin for grafting from the Skin Bank at Victoria Hospital. The Skin Bank had sent cadaver skin to the IAF Command Hospital on Sunday.

Sources at Victoria Hospital Skin Bank said that the Hospital received a request from the Command Hospital for skin on Sunday and the Skin Bank had immediately sent the required cadaver for skin grafting.

As it would take a few weeks to process and use the skin, they had thought of arranging more skin by that time from Skin Banks in Mumbai or Chennai, sources added.

High Court stays transfer of University Registrar Prof. Shivappa

Prof. Shivappa

Mysuru, Dec.15 (RKB&DM)- The Karnataka High Court on Monday has stayed the transfer of University of Mysore (UoM) Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa, for the second time in two years.

Prof. Shivappa had taken over as UoM Registrar in Sept. 2019 and was transferred in November the same year. Subsequently, he moved the High Court and succeeded in getting a stay on his transfer, following which he continued to function as Registrar. But on Dec.3, 2021, he was transferred to his parent Department of Social Work at Manasagangothri. But this transfer order reached him only on Dec.9 and subsequently, he again knocked on the doors of the High Court.

The Court, which heard Prof. Shivappa's plea on Dec.13, gave some relief to him by issuing a stay order against the Dec.3, 2021 transfer order.

'Kerry Scholarship Awards' function at CFTRI tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 15- 'Kerry Scholarship Awards' for M.Sc (Food Technology) function will be held at Cheluvamba (Assembly) Hall in Main Building, CFTRI campus tomorrow (Dec. 16) at 11.30 am, according to a press release from Dr. Parigi Ramesh Kumar, Head, Information & Publicity Department, CFTRI.

About Kerry Scholarship Scheme

As part of the CSR activities, merit scholarships have been instituted for M.Sc (Food Technology) students starting from academic year 2021-22 funded by Kerry Ingredients India Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru.

This scholarship consists of Tuition Fee, Boarding & Lodging Fee and Development Fee. Three students securing top ranks in the entrance exam conducted for M.Sc (Food Technology) will be eligible for scholarship for the entire course duration. Further, three students who secure highest in their first-year exams of M.Sc course will be eligible to get scholarships for the final year.

Meeting and Pensioners Day on Dec. 17

Mysuru, Dec. 15- The General Body Meeting of Karnataka Rajya Sarkara Vishrantha Udyogigala Sangha, Ramakrishnanagar, for the year 2020-21 and the Pensioners Day will be conducted on Dec. 17 at 3 pm at Ganabharathi's Veene Seshanna Bhavana in Kuvempunagar.

Mayor Sunanda Palanetra will inaugurate the function. Sports events and cultural programmes are also arranged to entertain the members. Seniormost members of the Association as well as the Executive Committee members who worked from its inception will be honoured on the occasion, according to a press release from the Sangha General Secretary.

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IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL DISTRICT JUDGE AT MYSORE
P&SC No. 39 OF 2021.

Petitioner : Sumanth Chaganti
S/o Late. C. Srinivas Rao, Aged 60 years, Residing at K. Hemmanahalli Village, Yelawala Hobli, Mysore Taluk.
V/s
Respondent : NIL HG :

Paper publication

The Petitioner has filed this petition under the above mentioned Act for getting the Order of Probate of the WILL executed by his mother late. Smt. Thirtty Rao, W/o Late. Chaganthi Srinivasa Rao, who was residing at No. 341-A, N-Block, 24th Street, Anna Nagar, Chennai-600 102, dated 26-09-2013 at Chennai before two attesting Witnesses by name Balaji Vasudevan and Viji Joseph and Scribe Sri. E.J. Ayyappan, Advocate, Chennai, of the schedule properties mentioned below.

If anyone has any objections or anything to say in the petition may appear either in person or through Advocate on or before the next date of hearing i.e., dated : 24.01.2022 to file any objections or otherwise. If no objections arises, the Court will pass necessary orders as per law.

Issued by the Order of this Hon'ble Court on 7.12.2021 at Mysore.

SCHEDULE

A. 30 guntas of dry land in Survey No 111/1 of K. Hemmanahalli Village Yelawala Hobli, Mysore Taluk bounded on the East by Nala yeri (channel), West by : Lands belonging to St. Michaels Farm, North by : Mysore Gaddige Road, South By : Land belonging to First Party (Cheeyanna).
Assessed at 0.63 ps.

B. 27 guntas of dry land in Survey No 111/2A of K. Hemmanahalli Village, Yelawala Hobli, Mysore Taluk bounded on the East by : Land of Kala Shetty, West by : Land belonging to St. Michales Farm, North by : Land belonging to First Party (Cheeyanna), South by : Land belonging to Bokka Shetty
Assessed at 0.57 ps.

SCHEDULE II.

Land bearing Survey No. 112 total measuring 2 acres 06 guntas out of which 1 acre 06 guntas situated in K. Hemmanahalli Village, Yelwala Hobli, Mysore Taluk and bounded on the East by : Remaining portion of Survey No. 112 (1 acre), West by : St. Michaels Farm, North by : St. Michaels Farm, South by : Land belongs to Mrs. T. Rao

SCHEDULE III.

Land bearing Survey No. 112 total measuring 1 acres situated in K. Hemmanahalli Village, Yelwala Hobli, Mysore Taluk and bounded on the East by : Remaining portion of Survey No. 112 (6 guntas), West by : Land belongs to Smt. T. Rao, North by : St. Michaels Farm, South by : Land belongs to Smt. T. Rao.

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Has Mysuru gone Bengaluru way?-1

Bangalore's Glorious Days

By R. Chandra Prakash

Chandra Prakash

During our several meetings with Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) in connection with Draft of Mysuru-Nanjangud Master Plan-2031 time and again we were assured, both by the Master Plan consultants and the MUDA top officials, that their main objective was not to allow Mysuru go the Bengaluru way. That was between 2013-14.

Now the approved Master Plan is under implementation for nearly past 5 years and the conditions in and around Mysuru, as they stand today, do not seem to support the assurances made by the concerned authorities back then. It looks as though Mysuru has already gone Bengaluru way! To understand this stark reality, one has to first understand what is meant by Bengaluru way? Briefly, the Bengaluru way means a 'failed city.'

A 'Failed City'

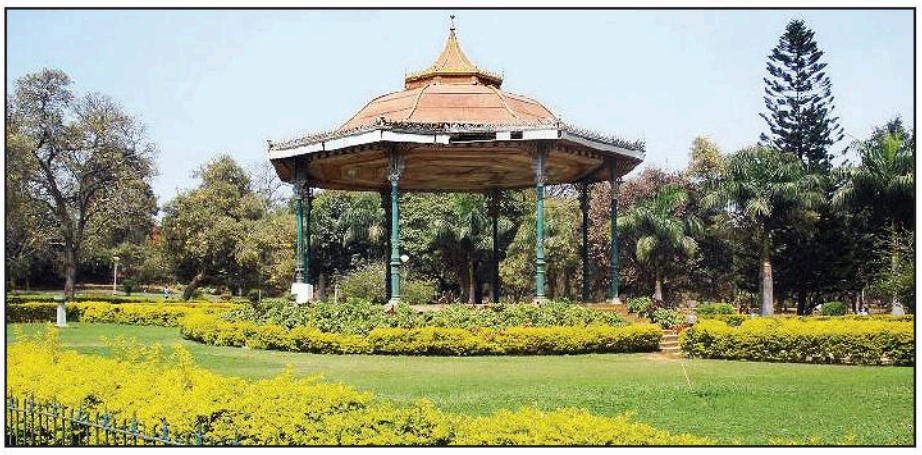
In a very recent Editorial, a leading newspaper of the State has this to say about our capital city — "For about a quarter of a century now, one Karnataka Chief Minister after another has been promising Bengalureans the moon or rather promising to turn it into a Singapore, a Dubai, a 'Smart City', or other dreamscapes. In reality, though Bengaluru has remained closer to a cratered moon and every aspect of the city and life in it has deteriorated over the years. We are rapidly hurtling towards a point of no return...

...Bengaluru is a failed city in nearly every sense of the term. Not even a single stretch of road is free of potholes, walkable footpaths are non-existent in most areas, building violations and illegal constructions are the order of the day, waste management is a disaster, lakes are fast disappearing or are utterly polluted, the storm-water drain system has been destroyed by the builder-official nexus and the city gets flooded with every downpour and potable water is still a pipe-dream for many. Even Namma Metro continues to progress at a snail's pace and will not have the extensive presence it must have to relieve the city of its traffic mess until well after 2030. Civic Bodies and utility agencies remain rampantly corrupt and inefficient and promises to reform them remain unfulfilled."

Above quote substantially establishes the pathetic conditions prevailing at present in Bengaluru. But why are we moaning this condition of Bengaluru when most of our major urban centres, not excluding the national capital, are in similar condition? To understand this we will have to very briefly visit the unique place of Bengaluru in our State's and national history.

A city with a touch of Europe!

Magadi Kempegowda is credited with laying the foundation for this city in 1537 with a mud fort. His vision for the city's expansion could be seen in the boundary pillars he had erected nearly 500 years ago! If Hyder Ali waged a war to claim the control of Bengaluru, his son Tipu Sultan, born in Devanahalli, had left his Palace as a memory of his relationship with this city. The British found out that Bangalore (the earlier format of the name) with its higher altitude and thousands of lakes around had a salubrious weather all round the year. Hence, they established in Bangalore a very important Cantonment.



A view of Cubbon Park.

Central Library, Cubbon Park.

***Cubbon Park** [Pics courtesy: Internet]*

A large number of British citizens, including Winston Churchill, lived here. Europeans and Anglo-Indians, who worked and lived in the neighbouring Kolar Gold Field [KGF] gold mines patronised Bangalore for their social and commercial requirements. Thus, this city became an active centre for the Europeans and the Anglo-Indian population.

Consequently, Bangalore acquired a shade of an European town! The Parade Ground and the surrounding complexes of Cinema Houses, the Brigade Road, the Commercial Street and the Mahatma Gandhi Road were full of European touch.

The contributions of the Wadiyars was also substantial in making Bangalore what it was. Even when Mysuru City was the capital of erstwhile Mysore State, Wadiyars had developed Bangalore with special interests. Town Planning was the fulcrum around which this city grew. They planned the residential layouts with parks, well laid out roads, road side trees, conservancy lanes, underground drainage and electricity. They also built the Palace, buildings with gothic architecture and huge gardens. Lalbagh is an old botanical garden in Bengaluru. Said to be first planned and laid out during the Dalavaiship of Hyder Ali and later managed under numerous British Superintendents, its Glass House is a model for other gardens. Huge Cubbon Park is another landmark of this city. No surprise that over a period this city came to be known as a Garden City.

As part of their progressive administrative policies for the State, Wadiyars had implemented Regionally Balanced Socio-Economic Policies. As per this, suitable industrial units were located in different parts of the State. Bengaluru had got its own share in the form of Government Soap factory, Government Electric Factory and many others. However, industrial development being part of planned city development never caused adverse effects on the urban life. Rather it contributed to its socio-economic dynamics.

Post Independence - Dynamic Political Leadership

During the first two decades after independence, the State had the good fortune of a very dynamic political leadership. They were men of eminence and integrity coupled with high degree of local concerns. Politicians such as Kadidal Manjappa, K. Hanumanthaiah and Nijalingappa had national prominence both in the Government and the Indian Congress Party. They gave importance to the socio-economic development of the State in general and the Bangalore city in particular by choosing it as the State capital under great odds. Maintenance of the heritage of the city was given its due prominence. Location and the architect of Vidhana Soudha stand testimony to the political culture of the time.

A National Industrial Hub

Because of very conducive socio-economic-political environment, Bengaluru attracted a series of Public Sector enterprises (many connected with the defence) like HAL, HMT, ITI, BEL, BHEL, Railway Wheels Factory, DRDO, ISRO and many others, which had huge campuses of their own. Even Private Sectors like Kirloskar, MICO and Kisan had put up a few important units in and around this city. Foreign collaborations in some of these industries gave Bangalore an international image. Over a time, the city acquired the honour of having Asia's largest Industrial Estate of ancillary and small units in Peenya. However, industrialisation of Bangalore did not damage the landscape of the city as either they were non-polluting in nature or they were located away from the residential layouts.

Industrialisation enhanced the employment prospects of the citizens. As other major cities of the country had become highly congested and polluted, Bangalore glittered for its elegance, gardens and laid back large city. All over the country, Bangalore acquired prominence as a well-planned and clean city and a sophisticated large urban centre of the country. **So much so, during 1980s when well-established business houses and industrial units found the Communist rule in Calcutta oppressive, many of them shifted to Bengaluru. Businessmen and Business Houses from Bombay and Delhi found Bangalore an attractive investment destination as also a very tantalising living place.** By the eighties, Bangalore was turning into a large industrial, commercial and a residential city of the country.

[To be continued]

Mysuru-Chamarajanagar MLC Polls

It is a victory for the party and leaders: Dr. D. Thimmaiah

Mysuru, Dec. 15 (MTY&BCT)- Congress candidate Dr. D. Thimmaiah, who won the MLC elections from Mysuru-Chamarajanagar twin segment yesterday, attributed his victory to party leaders and elected representatives who toiled for his victory.

"This is my first election and I emerged victorious thanks to party leaders, elected representatives and party workers," he said. Dr. Thimmaiah said that he entered politics after serving the healthcare sector for 35 years. He retired from Government service in 2003 and joined JD(S). He switched sides in 2012 as he did not get any party post and became a staunch follower of former CM Siddharamaiah.

"I have got another opportunity to serve the public and the

Dr. D. Thimmaiah of Congress

Congress party has permitted me to contest elections," he said.

"Electoral politics is new to me and this is the victory of the party, leaders and workers. It is not my victory. Former CM Siddharamaiah has ensured that I won the elections and he was monitoring the canvassing and the electoral process. He spoke individually to the electorate and conveyed the message that the party must win in the old Mysuru region," he said.

Dr. Thimmaiah also thanked KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar for giving him the ticket and reposing faith, Working President R. Dhruvanarayan, former Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa and all the Congress MLAs, leaders and party workers in Mysuru-Chamarajanagar belt who have actively participated in the elections.

"The Congress has over 4,000 voters and this primarily ensured my victory and I am committed to do good work in the constituency," he said. Dr. Thimmaiah also recalled the contribution of MLA G.T. Devegowda and his son G.D. Harish Gowda that helped him emerge victorious. He recalled that both the leaders had asked their supporters to vote for Congress.

I have answered to allegations by winning: C.N. Manjegowda

Mysuru, Dec. 15 (RK&BCT)- JD(S) candidate C.N. Manjegowda who also won the MLC election in the Mysuru-Chamarajanagar twin segment yesterday said that though he had contested polls in the last moment, voters did not betray him.

"I am indebted to voters for having faith in me and also party leaders former PM H.D. Deve Gowda, former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy, former Ministers H.D. Revanna and S.R. Mahesh for actively canvass-

C.N. Manjegowda of JD(S)

ing for me and ensuring my victory in whatever time was available for canvassing. All the party leaders and workers stood by me and I will work in such a way that the aspirations of people are not belied," he said.

He said that he would work for the welfare and autonomy of Gram Panchayats (GPs) and strive to bring more and more grants to grassroots level. All efforts would be made to strengthen the GPs. "Many people had levelled baseless allegations against me and I have answered them through votes. I will prove the allegations wrong by offering good service," he said.

I take responsibility for my defeat, but will wage a legal battle: Raghu Kautilya

Mysuru, Dec. 15 (RK&BCT)- Raghu R. Kautilya, BJP candidate for the MLC election in the Mysuru-Chamarajanagar seat, who lost the post in the last minute said that he would accept defeat and own up responsibility. "But I will wage a legal battle," he said.

Raghu lost the elections during the elimination round and that round paved the victory of JD(S) candidate Manjegowda. "I have extensively toured the Constituency and met all the electorate for over a year and I had constant contact with all BJP MLAs and MPs and the District Minister. All had cooperated with me and I was confident of winning the polls in the first preferential vote," he said.

"In the first preferential vote I was in second place and I faced a problem in the second preferential vote that is crucial for

Raghu R. Kautilya of BJP

victory. I just needed 56 votes and my nearest rival Manjegowda needed six votes and the Electoral Officer decided to go for elimination round counting where I lost," Raghu said.

The counting process necessitated the counting of second preferential votes and the entire scenario changed with the JD(S) candidate who had accepted defeat emerging victorious, he noted.

"Based on the suggestions of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, former CM B.S. Yediyurappa and other leaders, I requested the Electoral Officer to order for recounting of votes. But the Officer rejected my request and noted in the files that recounting was not possible at this stage. I will wage a legal battle against this move after discussing the issue with leaders," he added.

Turning emotional, Raghu said that all elected representatives, MLAs, MPs and District Minister, party workers and nominated members of the party canvassed in his favour but he lost. "I thank each one of them who have supported me and it is because of them I came near to victory. If I was elected, I would have strived hard to change the face of the Panchayat system. Unfortunately, it is not possible now. But I will work for the party till my last breath," Raghu said.

Congress and JD(S) win one seat each

(Continued from page 1)

Soon as the counting of votes began at Maharani's College of Commerce and Management for Women on Valmiki road in Paduvarahalli, Dr.Thimmaiah established a comfortable lead in all rounds of counting and was declared elected after the counting of first preferential votes, bagging 2,865 votes, leaving two other main candidates — Raghu R. Kautilya and C.N. Manjegowda — to battle it out for the second seat.

After the first round of counting ended, Raghu Kautilya of the BJP came second with 1,919 votes while JD(S) candidate Manjegowda came third with 1,780 votes. At this stage, Manjegowda lagged behind Raghu by 139 votes.

The four other candidates who were in the fray — Vatal Nagaraj (3 votes) of Kannada Chaluvali Vatal Paksha, independent candidates Gurulingaiah (3 votes), K.C. Basavarajaswamy (6 votes) and R. Manjunath (11 votes) — fared poorly. As Raghu came second, there was confidence in BJP circles at that point of time that the party candidate would surely win the second seat.

As Raghu Kautilya and Manjegowda failed to secure the quota of 2,195 votes in the count of first preferential votes, the counting of second preferential votes was taken up, during which Manjegowda fared marginally better. But still, the see-saw battle between the two continued even as the counting entered the elimination round, when Raghu needed 56 votes for a win and Manjegowda needed just 6 votes.

At this stage, Raghu demanded a recount of votes, which was however rejected by Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham, also the Electoral Officer, who said that a recount cannot be taken up at this stage, except on technical grounds and also the entire counting process had taken place in the presence of all the candidates and their poll agents.

Later C.N. Manjegowda was ultimately declared the winner as he got the required quota of votes after the counting of votes of one of the independent candidates (Gurulingaiah) ended in the elimination round.

After completion of the counting process, the Electoral Officer declared that the total value of votes secured by JD(S) candidate Manjegowda stood at 2,19,455, while that of BJP's Raghu Kautilya was 2,14,425. Finally, the Electoral Officer Dr. Bagadi Gautham officially declared the result at about 11 pm, announcing that C.N. Manjegowda of the JD(S) was the winner of the second seat from the dual member Mysuru-Chamarajanagar seat.

The official announcement of the result ended the dreams of Raghu Kautilya entering the Legislative Council. This was Raghu's second straight defeat as he had lost the polls very narrowly to Sandesh Nagaraj of the JD(S) about six years ago.

New team of JSS Layout First Stage Residents Welfare Assn.

The following were elected as office-bearers of JSS Layout First Stage Residents Welfare Association for 2021-23. M. Mahadev - President; M. Shadakshari - Vice-President; B.N. Chandrakanth - Secretary; M. Nandeeshwara - Joint Secretary; Shivakumaraswamy - Treasurer; Puttanna, Venkataramaiah, Basavanna, Shivanna, G.C. Rajanna, P. Basappa, Dundamadappa, G. Mahesh, M.S. Mangala and M.S. Manjunath - all Directors.

WORD OF THE DAY

Rankle

Pronunciation: RANK-ul.
Meaning: Rankle means "to cause anger, irritation, or bitterness."
Origin: When rankle was first used in English, it meant "to fester," and that meaning is related to French words referring to a sore and tracing to Latin dracunculus. The Latin is from draco, the word for a serpent and the source of English's dragon. The transition from serpents to sores is apparently from people associating the appearance of certain ulcers or tumors to small serpents.
Example: "Just one caveat: big swaths of this book are fiction, which may rankle readers who are eager to sink their teeth into a good nonfiction book." — Terri Schlichenmeyer

THE ODD WORD

Ramentum

Chaffy scale on plants.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Ring fencing

Meaning: You use the expression 'Ring Fencing' to indicate the obligation of a person or organization to use or restrict funds for a particular purpose.
Origin: The term 'ring fencing' has been used since the 1980s to refer to monetary transactions. Before that the term was used to discuss ring-shaped fences used to contain farm animals.
Example: "We're ring fencing the city council to ensure they allocate the funds they promised for the new city park."

QUOTE BOX

If I am more fortunate than others I need to build a longer table not a taller fence. **—Tamlyn Tomita**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Y Guy
YYY Guy
YYYY Guy

Answer: Wise guys.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Volcanic outpourings
5 Have being
8 Mark of an injury
12 Seed appendage
13 Pouchlike structure
14 One of the United States
15 Shivaji and his descendants?
17 In brief, sergeants and corporals
18 Speak or utter
19 Seize and throw to the ground
21 Army uniform colour
24 Intense beam of light
25 Scottish island
26 Feel one's ___ : feel and act important ?
27 A wood sorrel, Oxalis tuberosa, of the Andes
30 Rating for Chess grandmasters, in short
31 The flowers of this garden plant may reach 5 ft.
32 Tune
33 In short a bigwig?
34 Of the ear
35 Glance over
36 Rains ice
38 American lake
39 Chinese province - "shines" anagram ?
41 Not at home
42 Light round a saint's head
43 Wedding ceremony
48 Angered or angry, poetically speaking?
49 Superlative suffix
50 Russian no
51 Arched recess
52 Desmond's pet name?
53 Unit of heredity

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

I	P	S	O	■	A	G	R	A	■	P	W	B
D	A	W	N	■	M	O	O	R	■	R	H	O
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■	T	E	E	N	S	■	■	O	R	G	A	N
K	I	T	T	Y	■	■	I	W	O	■	■	■
I	C	E	■	E	P	I	C	■	A	S	R	S
E	L	S	■	T	I	B	E	R	■	T	E	T
V	E	T	O	■	E	A	S	E	■	A	L	A
■	■	■	B	A	D	■	■	A	S	L	A	N
W	A	N	E	D	■	■	S	L	Y	L	Y	■
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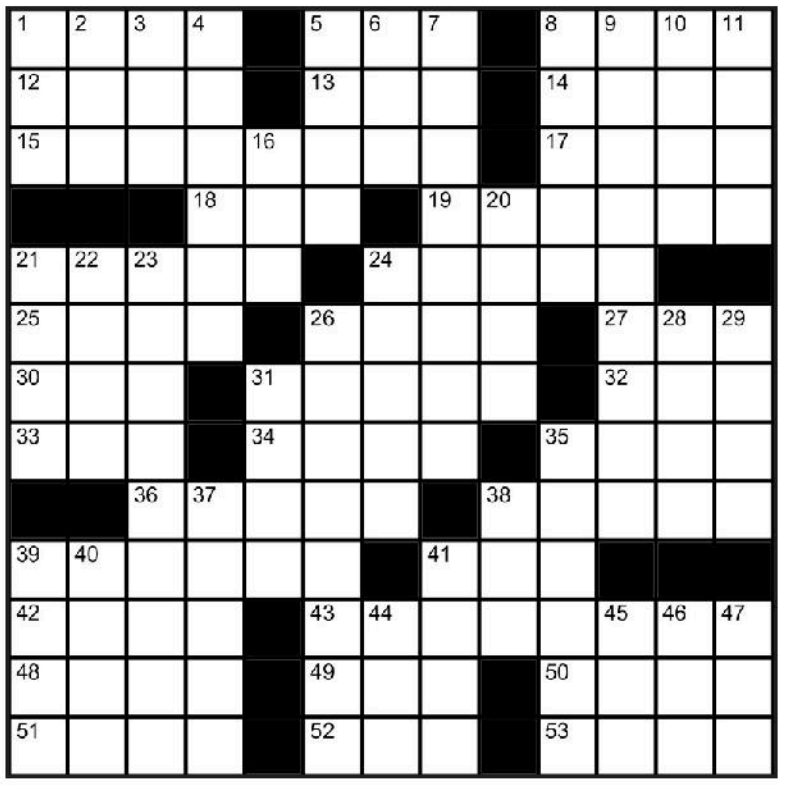
DOWN
1 Flight from the law
2 Constellation next to Scorpius
3 Comedian __ Das
4 One of the U.S.A?
5 Paler than pale
6 Regional Airline Assoc.
7 Jubilant
8 From that time on
9 Orthopterous insect?
10 Gone sans permission
11 Burn to ground; destroy or demolish completely
16 ____ chi: Chinese exercises
20 Org.
21 Capital of Ukraine
22 Festival of colour
23 Malaria causing mosquito?
24 ___ lazuli : bright blue gem?
26 Summarized, synopsized or sketched
28 Farewell in Firenze
29 British composer - "near" anagram?
31 ___ Lane : Superman's girl friend?
35 Satisfying fully
37 Battery terminal
38 Chiding sound
39 Branch of Islam
40 Musical instrument
41 Chooses or selects
44 Utilise
45 Opposite of nay
46 Cricket great Sir ____ Hutton
47 Fr. holy title



SUDOKU

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		7					9	5
	3		8		5			
		4		9				2

Answer to previous puzzle

3	6	7	1	5	9	2	8	4
1	4	8	6	3	2	7	5	9
2	5	9	8	7	4	6	3	1
7	2	5	3	6	1	9	4	8
9	8	4	7	2	5	3	1	6
6	1	3	4	9	8	5	2	7
4	7	8	2	8	3	1	9	5
8	9	2	5	1	6	4	7	3
5	3	1	9	4	7	8	6	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

GE NJX IQAAN NJXA IVGFWVJJW KGRV

NJX, NJX BUYUA CUIJPU JFWUA.

TODAY'S CLUE: X EQUALS U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Age is mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

Mahadeshwara Theatre Mob: 9900820093
Drishya 2 (K)- 4 Shows

Thibbadevi Theatre Ph: 2452958
Drishya 2 (K) - 4 Shows

Sangam Theatre Ph: 2520494
Drishya 2 (K) - 4 Shows

Padma Theatre Ph: 2521923
Madhagaja (K)- 4 Shows

Woodlands Theatre Ph: 2422871
Madhagaja (K) - 4 Shows

Gayathri Theatre Ph: 2443568
Sakath (K) - 4 Shows

Sterling Theatre Ph: 2481170
Maddy (K) - 4 Shows

Lido Theatre Ph: 2420885
Chandigarh Kare Aashiqui (H) - 2 Shows; *Maddy (K)* - 2 Shows

Balaji Theatre Ph: 2497199
Chandigarh Kare Aashiqui (H) - 4 Shows

Rajkamal Theatre Ph: 2423554
Akhanda (Te) - 4 Shows

Uma Theatre Ph: 2520009
Break Failure (K) 2 Shows; Love Killer Trap (H) - 2 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Drishya 2 (K)	(S-4)	10.10 am, 4.05 pm, 7.05 pm, 9.55 pm
Consilium (K)	(S-2)	10.35 am
Madhagaja (K)	(S-3)	10.10 am, 4.05 pm
Rhymes (K)	(S-3)	1.20 pm
Sakath (K)	(S-3)	6.55 pm
Eradu Saaviradha Ippatu Gopikeyaru (K)	(S-2)	4.10 pm
Garuda Gamana Vrishabha Vahana (K)	(S-4)	1.05 pm
Chandigarh Kare Aashiqui (H)	(S-1)	10.30 am, 1.15 pm, 7.15 pm, 9.50 pm
Velle (H)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Lakshya (Te)	(S-1)	4.15 pm
Jail (Ta)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
Muddy (Ma)	(S-2)	7.00 pm
Jan-E-Man (Ma)	(S-3)	9.50 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — Ph: 2533444 / 2533456

Drishyaa 2 (K)	(S-1)	12.30 pm, 6.30 pm
	(S-4)	9.00 pm
Madhagaja (K)	(S-2)	10.10 am, 6.55 pm
Sakath (K)	(S-4)	11.40 am
Consilium (K)	(S-4)	3.00 pm
Eradu Saaviradha Ippatu Gopikeyaru (K)	(S-3)	3.50 pm
Nanna Hesaru Kishora Yelu Pass Yentu (K)	(S-3)	6.40 pm
Chandigarh Kare Aashique (H)	(S-1)	9.50 am, 3.45 pm, 9.45 pm
	(S-2)	1.10 pm
Velle (H)	(S-3)	9.55 am; (S-4) 6.05 pm
Tadap (H)	(S-2)	3.55 pm
Lakshya (Te)	(S-3)	9.35 pm
Jail (Ta)	(S-3)	12.45 pm
Jan-E-Man (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm

PVR CINEMAS

Forum Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Mob: 8951357139

Drishya 2 (K)	:	9.25 am, 12.30 pm, 3.35 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.45 pm
Madhagaja (K)	:	4 pm, 10 pm
Garuda Gamana Vrishabha Vahana (K)	:	6.15 pm
Chandigarh Kare Aashiqui (H)	:	11.20 am, 2 pm, 4.40 pm, 7.20 pm, 10 pm
Tadap (H)	:	12.30 pm
Antim: The Final Truth (H)	:	3.20 pm
Velle (H)	:	10.20 am, 1 pm, 7.10 pm, 9.50 pm
Lakshya (Te)	:	12.15 pm, 6.55 pm, 9.30 pm
Akhanda (Te)	:	3.40 pm
Jail (Ta)	:	3.20 pm, 9.40 pm
Bheemante Vazhi (Ma)	:	6.20 pm
Muddy (Ma)	:	1.10 pm

1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 9901373210

Dhrishya 2 (K)	:	10.10 am, 1.00 pm, 6.45 pm, 9.50 pm
Madhagaja (K)	:	1.05 pm, 7.05 pm
Consilium (K)	:	1.15 pm
Eradu Saaviradha Ippattu Gopikeyaru (K)	:	4.05 pm
Garuda Gamana Vrishabha Vahana (K)	:	3.35 pm
Chandigarh Kare Aashiqui (H)	:	10.15 am, 12.55 pm, 7 pm, 9.40 pm
Velle (H)	:	10.20 am, 4.05 pm, 6.50 pm
Lakshya (Te)	:	4 pm
Akhanda (Te)	:	10 pm
Jan-E-Man (Ma)	:	9.30 am

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Drishyaa 2 (K)	(S-2)	9.15 pm
	(S-3)	10.30 am, 1.20 pm, 4.10 pm, 7 pm
Consilium (K)	(S-1)	3.50 pm
Madhagaja (K)	(S-1)	6.25 pm, 9.00 pm
	(S-4)	10.45 am
Rhymes (K)	(S-4)	1.30 pm
Chandigarh Kare Aashique (H)	(S-1)	10.45 am, 1.15 pm
	(S-4)	6.50 pm
Jan-E-Man (Ma)	(S-4)	4.00 pm
Bheemante Vazhi (Ma)	(S-4)	9.15 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Bangalore Gayana Samaja's 51st National Music Conference

'Shri Kala Jyothi' award conferred on Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao

'Natyacharya' Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao of Noopura Kalavidaru Samskrutika Trust, Mysuru, who was conferred with 'Shri Kala Jyothi' award by Bangalore Gayana Samaja during the valedictory (Vidvath Sadas) of its 51st National Music Conference on Dec. 12, is seen with (standing from left) Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Narayana Ramanuja Jeeyar of Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt, Higher Education Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan, Conference President Dr. M. Surya Prasad, Bangalore Gayana Samaja President Dr. MRV Prasad and Member Kousalya Murthy.

Guruvandana and book release programme on Dec. 18

Dr. Jamunarani V. Mirle

Natya Vidushi Krishnaveni Rangarao

Mysuru, Dec. 15- In commemoration of Natya Vidushi Krishnaveni Rangarao, the city's Mysore Art Gallery has organised a Guruvandana and book release programme at Rama-Govinda Rangamandira in Kannada Vikasa Shikshana Samsthe premises, behind Suyog Hospital at Ramakrishnanagar at 5.30 pm on Dec.18.

The programme has been organised in association with Sri Rajeshwari Vastralankara Rangatanda, Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota and Kadamba Rangavedike.

Noted Danseuse Dr. Jamunarani V. Mirle and team will present a dance performance as a tribute *(Nritya Namana)*.

Also, renowned danseuse Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy, Director of the city's Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre, will release the book titled 'Naa Kandante Nanna Guru' authored by Dr. Jamunarani V. Mirle on the occasion. Noted writer and orator Prof. A.V. Suryanarayanasamy will be the guest of honour. Noted painter and sculptor L. Shivalingappa of Mysore Art Gallery will preside. For details, contact Mob: 99725-07570 or 94481-30067.

EVENTS TODAY & TOMORROW

- **BEML:** Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Exhibition on BEML's Story Board 'Journey of BEML Since 1964...' covering visuals and live equipment, BEML Ground, opposite Main Gate, BEML, **10 am to 5 pm.**
- **Indian Art and Craft Shopping Festival-2021:** Christmas Carnival, expo-cum-sale of over 10,000 varieties of handlooms and handicrafts for all over India, Open Grounds, opposite Aishwarya Petrol Bunk, Hunsur Road, Vijayanagar I Stage, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Gruha Shobhe:** International Living Style Exhibition, special attraction - Cake Show by Dolphin with Replica of Puneeth Rajkumar made of cake, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **11 am to 9 pm.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) and Tourism Department:** Exhibition-2021, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **3.30 pm to 9 pm.**

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